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Hi Julie, Kim, and Bob,

We received the email below and attached questions from the San Francisco Chronicle today. Our response is provided below for your information. If you have any questions or would like to discuss, I can be reached at (619) 524-5727 or cell (b) (6).

Thank you,  
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Navy Response:

Public health and safety is the Navy's priority in the ongoing cleanup of former Naval Station Treasure Island (NSTI). The Navy is confident that findings based on radiological data for work performed by numerous contractors at NSTI are consistent and accurate. The Navy Radiological Affairs Support Office has reviewed all final data and found no discrepancies. State regulatory agencies review all environmental work at NSTI including work plans, scan results, site information, and cleanup data and have not identified any unacceptable risks to those who live and work at NSTI.

The Navy's goal is to transfer safe and habitable property to the Treasure Island Development Authority that meets all environmental regulations for local reuse and economic development. Building 233 area, Site 21, Site 33, and Building 180 have transferred from the Navy.

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Bill,

This is Jason Fagone and Cynthia Dizikes from the SF Chronicle. We're working on a breaking news story about the work that Tetra Tech EC and other Tetra Tech subsidiaries performed at Treasure Island, and whether that work has been reviewed by public agencies in light of questions about Tetra Tech EC's work at Hunters Point, which is now the subject of False Claims Act lawsuits joined by the Department of Justice.

Based on our review of public documents and our reporting, we understand the following. Our questions are in bold. We have attached the questions as a PDF as well. Our deadline is close of business today, Friday, Feb. 15 - we need any responses by then - as the story may run as soon as Tuesday, Feb. 19.:

-- Tetra Tech EC performed at least seven cleanup projects at Treasure Island. All but one of these, the well destruction, involved radiological testing. Three of these projects employed Tetra Tech EC managers who were singled out in the DOJ's January legal complaint: Bill Dougherty, Dennis McWade and Rick Weingarz. The DOJ alleges that "Tetra Tech's fraud was initiated and directed by Tetra Tech's corporate managers," including these three managers. Here is a list of the Tetra Tech EC projects at Treasure Island, with the managers underlined. This is compiled from public Navy reports:

- \* 2008 -- final status survey and suggested release for unrestricted use of Building 343
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- \* 2008 -- scoping survey for Building 233 drain lines and wall vents involving collection and radiological testing of samples
- \* 2013 -- removal of two radioactive hot spots, radiological survey and demolition of buildings 1121 and 1323 on Site 12. Bill Dougherty was project manager. Weingarz was the laboratory coordinator. Dennis McWade was superintendent.
- \* 2013 -- final radiological investigation and source removal of radioactive "commodities" at multiple locations on Site 12. Bill Dougherty was project manager.
- \* 2014 -- removed soil from two locations with elevated gamma readings identified by the state along the fence line of the northern and southern Solid Waste Disposal Area, near buildings 1128, 1303 and 1306. Bill Dougherty was project manager. Dennis McWade was superintendent. Rick Weingarz was an alternate quality control manager.
- \* 2017 -- well destruction at Sites 21, 24, 33, and Building 180

-- Except for the well destruction, these projects included the same types of investigations and actions that Tetra Tech EC performed at Hunters Point (and that are now in question), including the collection of sediment and soil samples, the radiological testing of samples and buildings, radiological scoping surveys, removal of radioactive hot spots, the designation and binning of contaminated materials as Low-Level Radiological Waste, and the suggestion that buildings are free of radioactive contamination and should be released for unrestricted use.

-- Some of these projects were performed near occupied areas on Treasure Island.

-- We also understand that Stephen Rolfe, who pleaded guilty to fraud at Hunters Point, worked on radiological projects at Treasure Island while employed with the Tetra Tech EC subcontractor RSRS. According to Navy records, Rolfe worked on the final status surveys of Buildings 343 and 344 and also the scoping survey for Building 233. Tetra Tech EC has said that Rolfe was part of a rogue "cabal" of employees who later falsified soil samples at Hunters Point.

-- In light of widespread questions raised by multiple government agencies about Tetra Tech's work at Hunters Point, the conviction of two former Tetra Tech EC managers for falsifying soil tests, and the fact that some of the same managers accused of fraud at Hunters Point were in charge of some of these Treasure Island projects, has the Navy reviewed any of this work by Tetra Tech EC at Treasure Island from a quality standpoint? If not, why not?

Will the Navy review any of this work in the future for signs of falsification or misconduct? If not, why not?

-- How many of these areas where Tetra Tech EC worked at Treasure Island are on piece of land that have since been transferred from the Navy to the city and its development partners?

-- Other Tetra Tech subsidiaries and joint ventures have performed work at Treasure Island for years. Has the Navy done an accounting of this work? Has this work been reviewed for quality? If not, why not?

-- Bob Beck of TIDA told us last August that Tetra Tech EC projects at Treasure Island "for the most part did not include the kind of sampling where the falsifications occurred at Hunters Point," which is false according to the Navy reports referenced above. Beck said in August that he saw no reason to review Tetra Tech EC's work. Did Beck or TIDA discuss with the Navy their decision not to review the work? Did the Navy sign off on this decision?

Again, our deadline is close of business today, Friday, Feb. 15. Thank you.

Jason and Cynthia

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